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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

F. Abel Ponce de Leon et al.

Group Art Unit: 1633

Application Serial No. 09/500,635

Examiner: M. Wilson

Filed: February 9, 2000

Title: PROLONGED CULTURING OF AVIAN (CHICKEN) PRIMORDIAL GERM CELLS (PGCS) USING

SPECIFIC GROWTH FACTORS, USE THEREOF TO PRODUCE CHIMERIC AVIANS (CHICKENS)

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**ELECTION** 

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action [Restriction Requirement] dated April 24, 2001, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-10 and 18-20.

If the Examiner has any questions in connection with this election, he should contact the undersigned so that prosecution may be expedited.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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